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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO MOSCOW, LENINGRAD,
JAN 21, FROM USUN RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE UNCLAS USUN 183

DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR J. FRENCH

DEPT PASS JUSTICE--FRANK NILAND

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: JDL ACTIVITIES

REF: USUN 170

1. AT 1:30 PM, SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1975, APPROXIMATELY 200
MEMBERS JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE HELD RALLY
BILLED "THERE IS NO PALESTINE" AT HOTEL DIPLOMAT, 108 WEST
43RD ST. RABBI KAHANE WAS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. MEANWHILE
OUTSIDE HOTEL ABOUT 75 MEMBERS "ZIONIST YOUTH MOVEMENT" HELD
COUNTERDEMONSTRATION. THEY CARRIED SIGNS WITH SLOGANS:
"JDL TERROR IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE" AND "PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST."

2. AT 4:00 PM, JDL GROUP, LET BY KAHANE, MARCHED FROM HOTEL
DIPLOMAT TO ISRAELI UN MISSION, 800 SECOND AVE, AND THEN
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TO USUN. PICKETS DEMONSTRATED 20-30 MINUTES AT EACH LOCATION.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

3. AT 5:30 PM, GROUP ARRIVED AT SOVIET MISSION AND IMMEDIATE CONFRONTATION ENSUED WITH NEW YORK CITY POLICE WHEN DEMONSTRATORS PICKED UP BARRICADES AND TRIED TO RUSH POLICE OFFICERS. IN MELEE WHICH FOLLOWED KAHANE AND SIX COMPANIONS WERE ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO 19TH POLICE PRECINCT. DANIEL EISENBERG, 25, OF 760 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, AND JOSH ADLER, 16, OF 705 EAST 7TH ST, BROOKLYN, WERE CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED FELONIOUS ASSAULT ON A POLCEMAN AND HELD FOR ARRAIGNMENT. THE REMAINING FIVE, INCLUDING KAHANE, RECEIVED "VERA" SUMMONSES ON CHARGES OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT. KAHANE'S SUMMONS IS RETURNABLE JANUARY 30. AFTER ARREST, KAHANE TOLD REPORTER "WE STORMED THE BARRICADES. FOR THE FIRST TIME WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING A LITTLE RADICAL TO WAKE UP THE AMERICAN JEWS."

4. THESE ARRESTS FAILED TO HALT DEMONSTRATION AND, DESPITE POURING RAIN, ABOUT 100 PICKETS, LED BY RUSSEL KELNER, JDL OPERATIONS OFFICER, SAT DOWN AT INTERSECTION OF THIRD AVE AND 67TH ST, BLOCKING TRAFFIC FOR A HALF HOUR. WHEN DEMONSTRATORS IGNORED ORDERS OF POLICE TO CLEAR STREET 40 DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT. ALL RECEIVED "VERA" SUMMONSES AND WERE RELEASED.

5. JDL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY RECEIVED TV COVERAGE. BENNETT UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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